

September 14, 2010

The meeting of the Green Lake County Agriculture, Extension Education and Fair Committee was called to order by Chairperson McConnell at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, with certification of the Open Meeting Notice, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

S. McConnell, M. Schweder, M. Stoddard, T. Traxler, and M. Whirry

EDUCATORS/STAFF/GUESTS PRESENT

N. Ghimire, J. Kauffeld, D. Slark, M. Spaulding, and K. Zills
Dan Priske, County Board Chairman; Merlyn Soda, Farm Bureau; Richard Swanke

LIBRARY SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE(S) PRESENT

D. Disterhaft

AGENDA

Motion/second (Stoddard/Whirry) to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second (Traxler/Stoddard) to approve the August 10, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Written report on file. It was reported that libraries are busy promoting National Library Card Sign-Up month during September.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS

Bonnie Gneiser, Darwin Kelm, Arden Patchett, Merlyn Soda, Richard Swanke, and Yolanda Woloszyn,

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you notes were shared with the Committee from Fair exhibitors for their awards, entertainment act, and Commercial Booth Space vendor. 4-H members submitting thank you notes included: Alyssa Berndt, Laura Breza, Andrew Docter, Lauren Pulice, Crystal Sales, Kelsi Sales, Emily Schmuhl, Melissa Stel, and Jessie Stib. Thank you notes were also share from Roberta Erdmann (commercial space vendor), and Uncle Ozzie (entertainment act).



Fair Committee Discussion – 2010 Fair

TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL-10% FEE/WAIVE REQUEST – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Rich Swanke presented an expense sheet regarding the costs for the 2010 Truck/Tractor Pull. This was shared with the request that the Committee waive the 10% (gross receipts) fee due to the Fair. Discussion was held by the Committee regarding this request.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to deny Rich Swanke's request to waive the 10% (gross receipts) fee due to the Fair. Request denied to waive 10% (gross receipts) fee by Roll Call Vote: S. McConnell-Yes; M. Stoddard-Yes; M. Schweder-Yes; T. Traxler-Yes; M. Whirry-Yes. Motion carried.

TRUCK/TRACTOR PULL-PORTABLE UNITS REIMBURSEMENT – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

Rich Swanke requested from the Fair Committee that the extra portable units used for the Track Events be paid by the Fair and not the host of the Truck/Tractor Pull event. At this time Rich Swanke had not received an invoice. The Committee proceeded to unanimously support the Fair's payment of the invoice should it be received.

FARM BUREAU-10% FEE/WAIVE REQUEST – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The Farm Bureau Board and supporters requested that the Fair Committee waive the contracted 10% (gross receipts) fee due to the Fair. A letter was handed out for the Committee's consideration. Discussion ensued regarding the hardship Farm Bureau is facing. Farm Bureau members asked if they would be able to use their building any time during the year. At the time, the Fair has supplies stored in the building and will address this issue at an upcoming meeting.

Motion/second (Stoddard/McConnell) to deny Farm Bureau's request to waive the 10% (gross receipts) fee due to the Fair. Request denied to waive 10% (gross receipts) fee by Roll Call Vote: S. McConnell-Yes; M. Stoddard-Yes; M. Schweder-Yes; T. Traxler-Yes; M. Whirry-Yes. Motion carried.

2010 DEMOLITION DERBY - DISCUSSION

The Committee was updated regarding concerns Action Auto Promotions had regarding the 2010 Demolition Derby at the Fair. These concerns were addressed by the Committee and clarifications on Action Auto Promotions Contract will be made.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY FIRE ASSOCIATION DONATION – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The Committee was notified that the Green Lake County Fire Association will once again donate their services for the 2010 track events. Last year, a donation of \$300 was made in recognition of their services. The Committee approved to send another \$300 donation for the 2010 Fair.

Motion/second (McConnell/Whirry)- 4 Ayes/1 Nay. Motion carried.

GRAVEL FOR CARNIVAL AREA - UPDATE

Highway Commissioner Bob Podgorski was contacted regarding this request. He stated he would look this job over and get back to the Fair Office by the October meeting.

2011 FAIR CONTRACTS - APPROVAL

Contracts for the 2011 Fair from Uncle Ozzie and A&P Enterprise Shows were presented to the Committee for approval. There are no change

Motion/second (Stoddard/Whirry) to approve the presented Contracts. Motion carried.

LIVESTOCK BARN GATES/PURCHASE REQUEST – DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

The Livestock Committee has requested the Fair purchase animal gates for safety reasons. The quote they presented totaled \$900. Discussion by the Committee ensued to pay half of this cost (50%) up to \$550.

Motion/second (Traxler/McConnell) to support the Livestock Committee's purchase request at 50% (up to \$550) for animal gates. Motion carried.

2010 FAIR COMMENTS/CONCERNS - DISCUSSION

The Committee was notified that payment was made by the Town of Brooklyn Fire Department from the alcohol sales and the Princeton's All-Terrain ATV Club.

BREAK

9:50 a.m. - Meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

UW-Extension Committee Discussion

EDUCATOR REPORTS

1. Spaulding: Written monthly report on file. Spaulding presented an educational program to the committee regarding USDA Healthy Guidelines and slogan "Make Half Your Grains Whole." The topic included healthy grains information. The Committee was asked to pick out something that included healthy grains from the table display. Spaulding further explained to the Committee "whole grains," packaging methods companies use to make their products look healthier than what they are, how to read the ingredients label, and the benefits of whole grain.

2. Q&A of Educators' Submitted Monthly Reports

Ghimire: Written report on file. Ghimire updated the Committee on UW-Extension's new radio program. Ghimire has been working on this new marketing endeavor. The radio program will be held every Saturday beginning October 2. He also noted that an agriculture survey Needs Assessment has been sent throughout the county.

Slark: Written report on file. Slark highlighted the 4-H awards and Leaders' Banquets coming up, along with club visits and leader trainings.

Kauffeld: Written report on file. Kauffeld talked about the upcoming Tri-County Leadership Initiative program which begins October 3, 2010.

Motion/second (Stoddard/Schweder) to approve out of county days for the educators: Ghimire (5.0), Slark (3.0), Kauffeld (1.5), and Spaulding (3.0). Motion carried.

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST – NAV GHIMIRE

Motion/second (Stoddard/Whirry) to approve Ghimire's out of state travel request to Nevada to participate in an agricultural presentation he was invited to attend. A grant has been provided.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION – REPORT OF LAST MONTH'S COMMITTEE MEETING – INCLUDING Q & A

- a. Property & Insurance Committee – Stoddard gave an update on the new Justice Center.
- b. Personnel Committee – Schweder reported on the new Justice Center jail staff inadequacies due to an increased number of inmates. The Human Resources Director provided the Committee with several cost-saving ideas that were obtained from other counties.
- c. Finance Committee – McConnell reported that the Committee is looking to cut \$500,000 from the budget. Several options are being explored.

VOUCHERS – AGRICULTURE/EXTENSION EDUCATION & FAIR

Motion/second (Schweder/Traxler) to sign vouchers. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. in the Courthouse Demonstration Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second (Whirry/McConnell) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Zills
Program Specialist